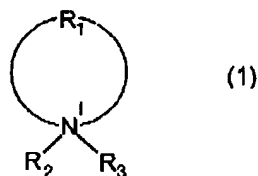


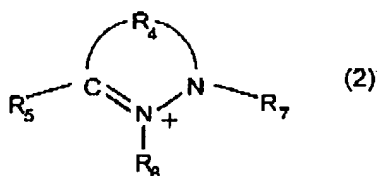
Claim Amendments:

1. (amended) A moderately resistive rubber composition comprising an unvulcanized rubber base and at least one ionic liquid contained in the rubber base, the ionic liquid serving as an electrically conductive material and being a molten salt which is in liquid form at ambient temperature.

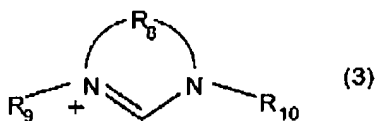
2. (original) The moderately resistive rubber composition according to claim 1, wherein the ionic liquid contains a cationic species selected from the group consisting of cationic species represented by the following formulas (1) through (4):



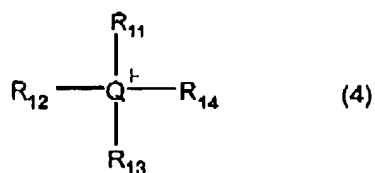
(wherein R₁ represents a C4-C10 hydrocarbon group; each of R₂ and R₃ represents a hydrogen atom, or a C1-C8 alkyl group; which R₁, R₂ or R₃ may contain a hetero atom; and, when the nitrogen atom has a double bond, R₃ is absent);



(wherein R₄ represents a C2-C10 hydrocarbon group, and each of R₅, R₈, and R₇ represents a hydrogen atom, or a C1-C8 alkyl group, which R₄, R₅, R₈ or R₇ may contain a hetero atom);



(wherein R_8 represents a C2-C10 hydrocarbon group, and each of R_9 and R_{10} represents a hydrogen atom, or a C1-C8 alkyl group, which R_8 , R_9 , or R_{10} may contain a hetero atom); and



(wherein Q represents a nitrogen atom, a phosphorus atom, or a sulfur atom; each of R_{11} , R_{12} , R_{13} , and R_{14} represents a hydrogen atom, or a C1-C8 alkyl group, which R_{11} , R_{12} , R_{13} or R_{14} may contain a hetero atom; and, when Q is a sulfur atom, R_{11} is absent).

3. (original) The moderately resistive rubber composition according to claim 1, wherein the ionic liquid contains an anionic species selected from among $AlCl_4^-$, $Al_2Cl_7^-$, NO_3^- , BF_4^- , PF_6^- , CH_3COO^- , CF_3COO^- , $CF_3SO_3^-$, $(CF_3SO_2)_2N^-$, $(CF_3SO_2)_3C^-$, AsF_6^- , SbF_6^- , $F(HF)_n^-$, $CF_3CF_2CF_2CF_2SO_3^-$, $(CF_3CF_2SO_2)_2N^-$, and $CF_3CF_2CF_2COO^-$.

4. (canceled)

5. (original) The moderately resistive rubber composition according to claim 1, which has a volume resistivity of 1×10^3 to $1 \times 10^9 \Omega \cdot cm$.

6. (original) A moderately resistive rubber member comprising a rubber-like elastic material formed through vulcanization of a moderately resistive rubber composition as recited in any one of claims 1 through 3 or 5.